

Journal of a Whaling Voyage in the Brig Hopeton

Saturday August 23rd Lat 32-56 N Long 42-56 W
 this day very light air from the N.W. standing
 on the wind tack and tack, lowered the
 Starboard Boat for Shearfish, shot one but he sunk,

Sunday August 24th Lat 33-00 N Long 42-21 W
 this day light air from the Southward and Westward
 standing on the wind, saw Grampasses,

Monday August 25th Lat 33-38 N Long 41-51 W
 this day very fine breezes from the Westward
 steering to the N.E. Saw a Whaling Bark
 steering to the Eastward, saw Porpoises and Grampasses,

Tuesday August 26th Lat 34-18 N Long 41-14 W
 this day fresh breezes from the N.W. steering to
 the N.E. and E. until sundown shortened
 sail and luffed to the wind heading to the
 Northward, squally, saw Porpoises,

Wednesday August 27th Lat 34-58 N Long 41-14 W
 this day fine breezes from the Westward steering
 E by N. saw Grampasses, steering E through the night
 at 8 the wind hauled to the N.E. heading E by E.

Thursday August 28th Lat 35-46 N Long 39-34 W
 this day fresh breezes from the Westward steering
 E and E.S.E. saw Grampasses, saw one Sail
 standing to the Southward, squally with Rain
 steering to the E.S.E. through the night.

Friday August 29th Lat 36-25 N Long 36-28 W
 this day fresh breezes and squally from the N.E.
 under easy Sail heading E.S.E. by the wind
 saw a French Bark standing to the Southward, saw
 Grampasses, and Porpoises, flying Sperm.

Saturday August 30th Lat 36-54 N Long 35-11 W
 this day light breezes the first part from
 the Northward the latter part from the N.W.
 steering to the N.W. one Ship in sight
 steering to the N.E., saw Grampasses,
 Whales and Shark and flying Sperm.

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Sunday August 31st Lat 35-18 N Long 34-11 W
 first part of this day calm, latter part a breeze
 from the S.E. standing on the wind heading to
 the N.E. in company with the Merchant Ship,
 squally with some Rain, saw Grampasses and Porpoises.

Monday September 1st Lat 34-41 N Long 35-12 W
 this day fresh breezes from the Eastward standing
 on the wind tack and tack squally, saw Grampasses,

Tuesday September 2nd Lat 35-46 N Long 35-45 W
 this day fresh breezes from the S.E. steered S.W. and
 then luffed to the wind heading S.W. and
 saw Grampasses,

Wednesday September 3rd Lat 35-03 N Long 35-58 W
 this day blowing fresh from the S.E. standing to the
 S.W. squally and rough saw Grampasses, three
 Merchant vessels steering to the N.E.

Thursday September 4th Lat 33-40 N Long 36-51 W
 this day fresh breezes from E.S.E. steering W by W
 at 4 P.M. raised a School of Sperm Whales going
 to the Eastward quick lowered and got over
 they did not bring to, standing on the Northward tack
 through the night, small Whales.

Friday September 5th Lat 33-48 N Long 37-30 W
 this day fresh breezes from the S.E. standing to the
 N.E. through the night at daylight commenced cutting-in
 at 11 had him in and at 6 P.M. had the pump
 cut up and Gate hoisted, and decked walked off,
 trying out saw 3 Sail Merchant vessels standing
 to the N.E. saw Grampasses, at 4 tack Ship standing
 to the Southward took in the Main Sail and put
 one reef in the Foretop Sail,

Saturday September 6th Lat 34-11 N Long 38-11 W
 this day fresh breezes and squally from the S.E.
 standing to the Southward Rough, unsuitable to
 keep track in the S.W. saw two Sails at 8 called
 down the weather to head to Sail, under short Sea.